



# Quick Notes

from the Idaho Office of Highway Safety December 10, 2012

Mark your calendar for the **Highway Safety Summit** in Coeur d'Alene, ID on **May 1-2, 2013**.

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**Fatalities for 2012 = 174**

## General Message from the Highway Safety Manager

Hi Highway Safety Partners:

I would like to take a moment and talk about teen power in the world of highway safety. The Teen Road Safety Advocates™ (TeenRSA) Program is a national initiative that is aimed at empowering youth to take a leadership role in improving roadway safety. It is designed for high school students that want to be engaged in significantly reducing deaths and serious injuries on our roadways, but most particularly those that may occur in the area where they live and go to school. The program also brings focus to an aspect of safety that many students do not always think of – the roadway. In this way, it complements and builds on other road safety programs that emphasize appropriate driver behavior and engages teens in the science of transportation engineering and roadway driving behavior.

The TeenRSA Program is built around a “Teen Roadway Safety Assessment” in which an “on-the-ground” review is conducted by a youth-led team at a section of roadway or intersection near the student’s school or in their community. This may be a roadway location where the students believe there is a problem, or one they want to evaluate to see if improvements could be made. As part of this program, a handbook has been developed that prompts the students to look at different roadway features and record their observations.

Through this process, students not only learn more about the roadway environment, but also about how drivers and other road users behave in those areas. Based on their observations, the students collectively identify potential problems and develop their ideas for improvements. Finally, the teams are encouraged to take an active role in sharing their findings and advocating for improvements.

A key to the success of this program is building a partnership with local transportation professionals and school officials. To assure this happens, the program envisions that every TeenRSA team will have two advisors, one representing each of these groups. The role of the advisors is to not only help point the students to additional resources or information, but also provide a link to others in the community.

If your community would like to know more about the TeenRSA program, please contact me and our office will be pleased to discuss this further. Youth play a critical role in highway safety and ultimately in changing the highway safety culture as we all continue on our way *Towards Zero Deaths* in Idaho.

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## **FARS Crash Reports**

As the end of the year approaches, the Office of Highway Safety (OHS) would like to remind you to send in the crash reports generated on the e-Impact software. The information contained in these reports is very important, and serves to inform those making decisions regarding many aspects of traveling on our Idaho roads, including safety features, construction projects, as well as law enforcement mobilizations and equipment. The timely submission of the information contained in these crash reports is essential to be able to provide transportation officials with valuable data to make critical decisions that impact the management of our public roads, both on and off the State highway system. As a reminder, Idaho Statute requires that the law enforcement shall submit crash reports within twenty-four hours after completing the investigation. Agency help in achieving the requirement is greatly appreciated.

The OHS has updated the e-Impact. The current update is version 4.21. OHS recommends upgrading your system to the most current version which has no changes with the data entry. 4.21 included internal corrections and bug fixes that will increase the usability of the e-Impact program. If your agency needs help updating computers or laptops, please contact our e-Impact liaison, Kirstin Weldin at 208-334-8113, [kirstin.weldin@itd.idaho.gov](mailto:kirstin.weldin@itd.idaho.gov).

We value the partnership between the Office of Highway Safety and law enforcement. Thanks to each and every one of you that work hard to keep our communities safe.

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## **DOT OFFICE OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY AND COMPLIANCE NOTICE**



Recently, some states passed initiatives to permit use of marijuana for so-called “recreational” purposes. We have had several inquiries about whether these state initiatives will have an impact upon the Department of Transportation’s longstanding regulation about the use of marijuana by safety-sensitive transportation employees – pilots, school bus drivers, truck drivers, train engineers, subway operators, aircraft maintenance personnel, transit fire-armed security personnel, ship captains, and pipeline emergency response personnel, among others.

We want to make it perfectly clear that the state initiatives will have no bearing on the Department of Transportation’s regulated drug testing program. The Department of Transportation’s Drug and Alcohol Testing Regulation – 49 CFR Part 40 – does not authorize the use of Schedule I drugs, including marijuana, for any reason.

Therefore, Medical Review Officers (MROs) will not verify a drug test as negative based upon learning that the employee used “recreational marijuana” when states have passed “recreational marijuana” initiatives.

We also firmly reiterate that an MRO will not verify a drug test negative based upon information that a physician recommended that the employee use “medical marijuana” when states have passed “medical marijuana” initiatives.

It is important to note that marijuana remains a drug listed in Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act. It remains unacceptable for any safety-sensitive employee subject to drug testing under the Department of Transportation’s drug testing regulations to use marijuana.

We want to assure the traveling public that our transportation system is the safest it can possibly be.

Jim L. Swart ,Director  
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Department of Transportation  
December 3, 2012

## **NEARLY NINE IN 10 SENIORS DRIVE A CAR THAT DOESN'T FIT THEIR AGING NEEDS**

*AAA says that 'smart features' available in today's cars can help drivers and their families cope*

An updated resource available in brochure form or online can now match features like keyless entry, larger dashboard controls, auto-dimming mirrors, and six-way adjustable power seats with the needs of older drivers. In fact, you can see how this interactive service will match the make and model of cars bested suited to the individual needs of each driver by launching AAA's **Smart Features for Older Drivers** right here:

<http://seniordriving.aaa.com/SmartFeatures>

The attached news release spells out the specifics and stats associated with the older driver issue. For all the families coping with age related driving safety issues, this AAA resource – which has been around since 2008, and has now been updated and has grown legs online – now allows users to see which health conditions can be assisted with existing vehicle features. As the release notes, some 10,000 Americans are turning 65 each year, and nine in 10 of them suffer from health issues that affect their driving.

For instance, seniors suffering from decreased strength, hip or leg pain, arthritic hands or diminished vision, can see which vehicle technologies are likely to help them. What's more, they can click on a list of vehicles to identify a vehicle fit that may make driving safer and more comfortable.

Check the *Smart Features for Older Drivers* [video](#) (TRT: 1:41). Or check out the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety's Motor Vehicle Crashes, Injuries, and Deaths in Relation to Driver Age [report](#)

Call for an interview, if you like, or grab a sound bite from our AAA News Online feature. Details are spelled out at the end of the attached news release.

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## Impaired Driving

Well, the first traffic mobilization ended on November 25, so please start working on getting your claims submitted. I attached the claim forms in the e-mail you received with the authorization. If you still have forms from previous mobilizations **please delete** them and only use the forms that are provided by each grants officer this year.



## Also Remember: MOBILIZATION CLAIM SUBMISSIONS

### OVERTIME

During each fiscal year, OHS requires agencies participating in the O/T enforcement mobilizations to submit **O/T Payroll Verification** with the claim documenting that the O/T payment claimed was in fact paid to the officer.

Once the verification is submitted for any of the (9) mobilizations, and accepted by OHS, it credits the agency for the rest of the fiscal year unless OHS asks for it again. If you would like a copy of an acceptable payroll verification please contact me and I'd be happy to work with you on this.

### EQUIPMENT INCENTIVE

For the incentive participation all that is needed are copies of the time sheet for each officer along with the Incentive claim form documenting that the officer was on that shift during the hours claimed.

## DECEMBER 17, 2012—JANUARY 2, 2013 - - IMPAIRED DRIVING MOBILIZATION

The funding authorizations for December have been e-mailed to the agencies listed below. If you have not received the e-mail please contact me. **Kevin Bechen**, [kevin.bechen@itd.idaho.gov](mailto:kevin.bechen@itd.idaho.gov) 208-334-4467

REGION 1	REGION 2	REGION 3	REGION 4	REGION 5	REGION 6
ISP	ISP	ISP	ISP	ISP	ISP
COEUR D' ALENE	CLEARWATER CSO	ADA CSO	BELLEVUE	BANNOCK CSO	BONNEVILLE CSO
KOOTENAI CSO	IDAHO CSO	BOISE	FILER	BEAR LAKE CSO	CLARK CSO
PONDERAY	KAMIAH MARSHAL	BOISE CSO	GOODING	BINGHAM CSO	CUSTER CSO
PRIEST RIVER	LEWISTON	CANYON CSO	HAILEY	MONTPELIER	IDAHO FALLS
POST FALLS	MOSCOW	EMMETT	HEYBURN	POCATELLO	IONA
RATHDRUM	NEZ PERCE CSO	FRUITLAND	JEROME	SHELLEY	JEFFERSON CSO
BONNERS FERRY	OROFINO	GARDEN CITY	JEROME CSO		MADISON CSO
SHOSHONE CSO		GEM CSO	MINIDOKA CSO		REXBURG
SPIRIT LAKE		HOMEDALE	RUPERT		RIGBY
		KUNA	TWIN FALLS CSO		ST. ANTHONY
		MCCALL			TETON CSO
		MERIDIAN			UCON
		NAMPA			
		OWYHEE CSO			
		PARMA			
		VALLEY			
		WILDER			
		CASCADE			

## **Motorcycle Safety**

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) has released its [recent evaluation](#) of federal and state efforts to address motorcycle safety. Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) strongly supports the recommended changes, as these would lead to a more effective approach to this issue.

*Highlights of the GAO report and the report itself are online at <http://gao.gov/products/GAO-13-42>.*

## **Aggressive Driving**

The following link to a Transportation Research Board (TRB) article addresses how engineering design features like lighting and signage can assist in reducing speed related crashes at locations prone to run off the road and roll-over crashes. This research confirms that "visual information" at these locations can significantly contribute to appropriate driving speeds and therefore help in reducing fatal and serious injury crashes.

<http://click.newsletters.nas.edu/?qs=0872ad114c921cddc428448b1c7d7d1bbfb8fd984d21819ac48aca692a429f3c33f7b4e413e9760e>>

## **Pedestrian Forum - Fall 2012**

The latest edition of the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA's) Pedestrian Forum Newsletter is now available. The newsletter highlights recent pedestrian safety activities related to engineering, enforcement, education, and emergency services that will help save lives.

<http://www.trb.org/PedestriansAndBicyclists/Blurbs/168128.aspx>

## **WEBINAR "Best Practices in Pedestrian Wayfinding"**

Date: January 16, 2013, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET

Presenters: TBA

Host: Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP)

Cost: \$50 APBP members/\$85 non-APBP members, or multi-webinar discounts

Contact: Debra Goeks <[info@apbp.org](mailto:info@apbp.org)>

Details & Registration: <http://bit.ly/U8U4T3>

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

If you would like to add an event to the calendar, please send an e-mail with the event details to [lisa.losness@itd.idaho.gov](mailto:lisa.losness@itd.idaho.gov)

Date	Event Description, Location
Dec 15	<b>Alive at 25</b> , Kootenai County Fire Station #2, <a href="http://www.idsafedriver.org">www.idsafedriver.org</a>
Dec 15	<b>Alive at 25</b> , Meridian Police Dept., <a href="http://www.idsafedriver.org">www.idsafedriver.org</a>
Dec 15	<b>Alive at 25</b> , Nampa Police Dept., <a href="http://www.idsafedriver.org">www.idsafedriver.org</a>
Dec 15	<b>Alive at 25</b> , Canyon Ridge High School, <a href="http://www.idsafedriver.org">www.idsafedriver.org</a>
Dec 17	<b>Alive at 25</b> , Boise Police Dept., <a href="http://www.idsafedriver.org">www.idsafedriver.org</a>
Dec 17	<b>Alive at 25</b> , Meridian Police Dept., <a href="http://www.idsafedriver.org">www.idsafedriver.org</a>
Dec 17 – Jan 2	<b>Impaired Driving</b> – Statewide Traffic Enforcement Mobilization
Dec 19	<b>Alive at 25</b> , Kootenai County Fire Station #2, <a href="http://www.idsafedriver.org">www.idsafedriver.org</a>
Dec 29	<b>Alive at 25</b> , Meridian Police Dept., <a href="http://www.idsafedriver.org">www.idsafedriver.org</a>
Dec 29	<b>Alive at 25</b> , Nampa Police Dept., <a href="http://www.idsafedriver.org">www.idsafedriver.org</a>
<b>2013</b>	<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>
Jan 5	<b>Alive at 25</b> , Gem County Emergency Services, <a href="http://www.idsafedriver.org">www.idsafedriver.org</a>
Jan 7	<b>Alive at 25</b> , Meridian Police Dept., <a href="http://www.idsafedriver.org">www.idsafedriver.org</a>
Jan 12	<b>Alive at 25</b> , Cassia County Sheriff's Office, <a href="http://www.idsafedriver.org">www.idsafedriver.org</a>
Jan 12	<b>Alive at 25</b> , Rexburg City Hall, <a href="http://www.idsafedriver.org">www.idsafedriver.org</a>
Jan 19	<b>Alive at 25</b> , Twin Falls Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, <a href="http://www.idsafedriver.org">www.idsafedriver.org</a>
Jan 24	<b>Alive at 25</b> , Cascade School District, <a href="http://www.idsafedriver.org">www.idsafedriver.org</a>
Feb 8 – 17	<b>Seat Belt</b> – Statewide Traffic Enforcement Mobilization
March 10 – 18	<b>Impaired Driving</b> - Statewide Traffic Enforcement Mobilization
April 5-14	<b>Aggressive Driving</b> – Statewide Traffic Enforcement Mobilization
May 1-2, 2013	<b>HIGHWAY SAFETY SUMMIT</b> – Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
May 20 – June 2	<b>Seat Belt</b> – Statewide Traffic Enforcement Mobilization
June 29 – July 12	<b>Impaired Driving</b> - Statewide Traffic Enforcement Mobilization
July 19 – Aug 4	<b>Aggressive Driving</b> – Statewide Traffic Enforcement Mobilization
Aug 7-12	<b>Bicycle/Pedestrian</b> – Statewide Traffic Enforcement Mobilization
Aug 25 – Sept 8	<b>Impaired Driving</b> - Statewide Traffic Enforcement Mobilization

**Quick Reference Guide** – click on the topic to go directly to website.

[OHS](#), Office of Highway Safety

[ITD](#), Idaho Transportation Department

[NHTSA](#), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[FHWA](#), Federal Highway Administration

[2011 Idaho Crash Report](#)

Program Area	Idaho State Links	Federal Links
Impaired Driving		<a href="http://www.nhtsa.gov/Impaired">http://www.nhtsa.gov/Impaired</a>
Distracted Driving	<a href="http://www.itd.idaho.gov/ohs/DistractedDriving.htm">http://www.itd.idaho.gov/ohs/DistractedDriving.htm</a>	<a href="http://distraction.gov/">http://distraction.gov/</a>
Teen Drivers	<a href="http://www.idahoteendriving.org/">http://www.idahoteendriving.org/</a>	<a href="http://www.nhtsa.gov/Teen-Drivers">http://www.nhtsa.gov/Teen-Drivers</a>
Bike & Pedestrian Safety	<a href="http://www.itd.idaho.gov/bike_ped/index_new2.htm">http://www.itd.idaho.gov/bike_ped/index_new2.htm</a>	<a href="http://www.nhtsa.gov/Pedestrians">http://www.nhtsa.gov/Pedestrians</a> <a href="http://www.nhtsa.gov/Bicycles">http://www.nhtsa.gov/Bicycles</a>
Seat Belt Safety	<a href="http://www.itd.idaho.gov/ohs/ClickIt/ClickIt2.htm">http://www.itd.idaho.gov/ohs/ClickIt/ClickIt2.htm</a>	<a href="http://www.nhtsa.gov/Driving+Safety/Occupant+Protection">http://www.nhtsa.gov/Driving+Safety/Occupant+Protection</a>
Child Passenger Safety	<a href="http://www.itd.idaho.gov/ohs/ChildSafety/index.html">http://www.itd.idaho.gov/ohs/ChildSafety/index.html</a>	<a href="http://www.nhtsa.gov/Safety/CPS">http://www.nhtsa.gov/Safety/CPS</a>
Aggressive Driving	<a href="http://itd.idaho.gov/ohs/Aggressive.htm">http://itd.idaho.gov/ohs/Aggressive.htm</a>	<a href="http://www.nhtsa.gov/Aggressive">http://www.nhtsa.gov/Aggressive</a>
Motorcycles	<a href="http://www.idahostar.org">www.idahostar.org</a>	<a href="http://www.nhtsa.gov/Safety/Motorcycles">http://www.nhtsa.gov/Safety/Motorcycles</a>
Senior/Mature Drivers		<a href="http://www.nhtsa.gov/Senior-Drivers">http://www.nhtsa.gov/Senior-Drivers</a>
Lane Departure	<a href="http://itd.idaho.gov/info/home_articles/safety_plan.htm">http://itd.idaho.gov/info/home_articles/safety_plan.htm</a>	<a href="http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/roadway_dept">http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/roadway_dept</a>

